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SUBJECT: FISHERIES: GDR

1. AMB. MCKERNAN AND SEVERAL MEMBERS USDEL ICNAF HAD LUNCH JUNE 13 WITH W. LANGE, FISCHERINSEL, BERLIN, AND W. RANKE, INSTITUT FUR HOCHSEEFISCHEREI, ROSTOCK, FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON ICNAF AND FISHERIES OFF US ATLANTIC COAST. MCKERNAN EXPRESSED OUR CONCERN AND REITERATED BRIEFLY PROBLEMS SUCH AS NOW UNDER INTENSE DEBATE IN ICNAF MTG, AND EXPRESSED HOPE FOR COOPERATION BY GDR WHICH CONDUCTS ONE OF THE MAIN FISHERIES IN THE AREA.

2. LANGE, HEAD OF DELEGATION, SPEAKING MAINLY THROUGH RANKE, EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR PROBLEMS AND GENERAL WILLINGNESS COOPERATE. STRESSED FREEDOM OF FISHING ON HIGH SEAS, DEVELOPING STATUS OF GDR FISHERIES, AND

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IMPORTANCE TO GDR OF ICNAF CATCH WHICH USED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION. STATED THAT GDR CATCH OF APPROX 140,000 METRIC TONS IN SUBAREAS 5 AND 6 (OFF US COAST) REPRESENTS HALF TOTAL GDR ICNAF CATCH. GDR RECOGNIZES THAT IF MEMBER OF ICNAF WOULD HAVE TO PARTICIPATE IN REDUCTION OF CATCH AS BEING DISCUSSED IN ICNAF, BUT THAT REDUCTION AS INDICATED IN US PROPOSALS NOT RPT NOT ACCEPTABLE. HOWEVER, DID INDICATE THAT IF A LESSER REDUCTION WAS AGREED UPON GDR PROBABLY WOULD ACCEPT.

3. LANGE INDICATED DECISION ON ICNAF MEMBERSHIP NOT RPT NOT YET TAKEN, HOPE THAT DECISION WOULD BE FAVORABLE, AND EXPECTATION THAT IT WOULD BE TAKEN VERY SOON. INDICATED THAT DECISION WOULD BE HELPED IF HAD GREATER INFORMATION ON US PROPOSALS AND INTENTIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION, WITH REFERENCE TO JOKE WHICH HAD BEEN MADE, INDICATED WOULD BE HELPFUL IF RANKE WOULD TAKE UP POSITION OF FISHERIES ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON.

4. WITH REFERENCE TO BILATERALS FOR AREA SOUTH OF ICNAF AREA, LANGE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN STUDYING THIS FORM OF COOPERATION FURTHER. USDEL UNDERTOOK TO PROVIDE COPY OF RECENTLY CONCLUDED BILATERAL WITH POLAND.

5. BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED HOPE FOR FURTHER, MORE FORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON FISHERIES MATTERS IN NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE, PERHAPS IN WASHINGTON.

6. INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT LANGE AND RANKE WERE IN DEEP CONVERSATION WITH USSR DEPUTY MINISTER OF FISHERIES KAMENTSEV JUST BEFORE LUNCH.

7. RANKE ALSO EXPRESSED DEEP INTEREST IN COOPERATIVE SCIENTIFIC WORK IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS ICES, BUT EXPRESSED NO KNOWLEDGE ON WHICH GDR MIGHT JOIN ICES. HE POINTEDLY MENTIONED HIS PARTICIPATION IN ICNAF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS IN STATE DEPT IN MAY 1972 AND AT WOODS HOLE IN MARCH 1973.

8. BOTH GDR DELEGATES SEEM TO APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND EXPRESSED VIEW THEY WERE PLEASED AND WOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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